

Richard Spotts

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to me

January 19, 2018

Dear Tri-RAC members:

Please consider the following requests at your January 24 and 25 meeting:

1) Please recommend to Interior Secretary Zinke that the current NOI to initiate a new massive sage grouse planning effort be terminated. As you know, a very comprehensive, lengthy, and expensive sage grouse planning effort culminated a mere couple of years ago. BLM offices and a multitude of stakeholders invested an enormous amount of their time and energy. The result was balanced RMP revisions that were endorsed by Governors of both parties and most involved stakeholders. In fairness to all involved, these revisions need a reasonable amount of time to be implemented. To do otherwise would disrespect the previous effort, create confusion where certainty is needed, forfeit the opportunity to learn from the current conservation measures, and potentially waste enormous BLM and public resources on a new de novo round of planning.

2) Please recommend to Interior Secretary Zinke that he postpone going forward with any recommendations to President Trump relating to Nevada's new Gold Butte National Monument. President Trump's recent actions to shrink two BLM national monuments and break the remainders into smaller pieces in Utah has been hugely controversial. These actions are now subject to many lawsuits. BLM in Utah has initiated planning for these new pieces but there is a great risk that this may end up being a massive waste of time if the judiciary reverses these Presidential actions. BLM in Nevada, in contrast, has wisely chosen to defer any planning in Gold Butte. It would seem to be most prudent and respectful of BLM's limited resources and the public's limited patience for endless planning that any presidential actions on Gold Butte be deferred until the courts have resolved the presidential authority under the Antiquities Act to change monument designations.

3) Please recommend to Interior Secretary Zinke that he direct BLM to initiate a new effort to remove Cliven Bundy's trespass livestock in Clark County and to pursue a court lien on his property to ensure payment of the fees and penalties long owed to BLM. Although the criminal charges against Mr. Bundy and others were dismissed due to prosecutorial misconduct, these dismissals in no way excuse Mr. Bundy's continuing trespass grazing activities and his flagrant disregard for proper federal court orders. This is a fundamental case of putting the rule of law and fairness to the vast majority of BLM permittees who follow that law ahead of cowering to arrogant bullying and overt threats against law enforcement. BLM should learn from the harsh lessons of the Bunkerville standoff, as well as the previous planned round ups that were cancelled at the eleventh-hour, and pursue a more effective and clandestine strategy. It is time to belatedly resolve the most prolonged and egregious BLM case of trespass grazing in the nation. Given the high level of public awareness and international notoriety of this case, BLM's credibility as a land management agency is at stake. This is a test of will that BLM cannot afford to fail.

Although I am not a Nevada resident, I am a frequent visitor over many years who enjoys hiking and exploring on BLM lands in Nevada. Like all other Americans, I have a stake in the proper management and stewardship of BLM lands in Nevada and elsewhere.

Thank you very much for considering my requests.

Sincerely,

Richard Spotts

## 2018 Tri-RAC Meeting Public Comments

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to me

I may not be able to attend the January 24-25 meeting in person, but I would like to make my views on BLM land usage in Washoe County known.

I urge this group and the BLM to NOT consider or impose any additional restrictions or prohibitions against shooting on any BLM lands. The current rules and regulations are imposition enough on law abiding citizens of the state.

This is not to say that I oppose enforcement of any BLM and local rules against shooting in close proximity to inhabited structures or the requirement to clean up after yourself when using BLM land.

In fact, I would be interested in working with the BLM on a voluntary basis to enhance safety and awareness while promoting personal responsibility for shooters who utilize the BLM land East of Golden Eagle Park in Sparks. If there is a contact at BLM that I could connect with to explore this possibility please advise me.

Regards,  
Brian Maul